

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Urging President Biden's Administration and the United States Congress to use the oil**
2 **and gas resources of the state to offset the loss of imported oil and to increase oil and gas**
3 **production in this state and other energy-producing states to fortify the economy and**
4 **security of the nation.**

5 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

6 **WHEREAS**, on February 24, 2022, after amassing over 175,000 troops on Ukraine's
7 border, the Russian Federation, under the direction of President Vladimir Putin, launched an
8 unprovoked, unjust, large-scale invasion of Ukraine; and

9 **WHEREAS** this invasion is a deliberate and calculated effort to undermine the
10 democratic sovereignty of Ukraine, block the free will of the Ukrainian people in the people's
11 pursuit of security, peace, and prosperity, and threaten the security of bordering allies under
12 the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the lives of millions of innocent people; and

13 **WHEREAS**, in an affront to both international law and common decency, Russian
14 Federation soldiers are currently sweeping through Ukraine, inflicting violence and terror on
15 millions of civilians and destroying homes, businesses, and economic infrastructure; and

1 **WHEREAS**, at the end of 2021, the United States of America was importing over
2 8,000,000 barrels of crude oil from foreign countries a day; and

3 **WHEREAS** 595,000 of those barrels were imported from the Russian Federation each
4 day; and

5 **WHEREAS** the United States imports more than 219,000,000 barrels of oil from the
6 Russian Federation annually, thereby directly contributing up to \$20,300,000,000 a year to
7 President Vladimir Putin's regime; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in comparison, this state produces only 448,000 barrels of oil a day; and

9 **WHEREAS** the United States federal government has blocked additional
10 opportunities for production in this state, including projects in Pikka, Alaska; Willow, Alaska;
11 the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; and the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska; and

12 **WHEREAS** the United States federal government has also blocked permitting of
13 pipelines and transportation for energy resources; and

14 **WHEREAS** reliance on oil from foreign adversaries like the Russian Federation
15 leaves this country and its allies strategically vulnerable; and

16 **WHEREAS**, in the face of the Russian Federation's unprovoked aggression, now is
17 the time to end the nation's reliance on Russian Federation fossil fuels; and

18 **WHEREAS**, because development sites around the state hold the potential of billions
19 of barrels of oil, oil and gas produced in this state can fill the void left from stopping Russian
20 Federation imports, thereby eliminating national dependence on authoritarian energy
21 producers abroad;

22 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges President Biden's
23 Administration and the United States Congress to allow the nation to use the oil and gas
24 resources currently available in the state to offset the loss of imported oil; and be it

25 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges President Biden's
26 Administration and the United States Congress to unleash national production in this state and
27 other energy-producing states to fortify the economy and security of the nation.

28 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, President
29 of the United States; the Honorable Volodymyr Oleksandrovyh Zelenskyy, President of
30 Ukraine; Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, President of the Russian Federation; the Honorable
31 Kamala D. Harris, Vice President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the

1 Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Steny
2 Hoyer, Majority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Kevin
3 McCarthy, Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Charles
4 Schumer, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Mitch McConnell, Minority
5 Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Antony Blinken, United States Secretary of State;
6 the Honorable Oksana Markarova, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ukraine
7 to the United States; the Honorable Anatoly I. Antonov, Ambassador Extraordinary and
8 Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to the United States; the Honorable Lisa Murkowski
9 and the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.
10 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and all other members of the
11 117th United States Congress.